



UTS Scholarship Conditions of Award

Group GSA Indigenous Architecture Scholarship

Faculty of Design, Architecture & Building

This document sets out the conditions of award for the below scholarship ('Scholarship') and the obligations of recipients ('Recipient') and the University of Technology Sydney ('UTS') in regard to this Scholarship. The administrative processes to support awarding this Scholarship will be managed, and may be amended, in accordance with UTS Rules, Policy and Procedures.

1. SCHOLARSHIP NAME

Group GSA Indigenous Architecture Scholarship

2. PURPOSE

The **Group GSA Indigenous Architecture Scholarship** aims to support a thriving Indigenous contribution to architectural culture and production, representing approaches to issues of design, construction, sustainability and landscape by providing financial assistance to an Indigenous student and the opportunity for a paid cadetship with Group GSA.

3. VALUE AND BENEFIT

3.1 Number of Recipients:

- One (1) Recipient will be awarded the Scholarship

3.2 Benefit/s to Recipient:

- Where an undergraduate student is awarded the scholarship, the Recipient will receive up to \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the Scholarship for a undergraduate student is up to \$30,000 to the Recipient.
- Where a Masters student is awarded the Scholarship, the Recipient will receive up to \$10,000 per year for the Scholarship's maximum duration as defined in clause 4. The maximum total value of the Scholarship for a Master's student is up to \$20,000 to the Recipient.
- In conjunction with the Scholarship, the successful Recipient will be offered the opportunity undertake a paid cadetship at Group GSA, which is to take place at a mutually convenient time and as arranged between the Recipient and Group GSA.

The cadetship will:

- be considered part-time employment by Group GSA; and
 - ordinarily be for a minimum of six (6) months; and
 - involve one to two days (1 - 2) days per week (with an expectation the recipient will be available for work outside of this including Saturdays where reasonable); and
 - allow one (1) day of paid study leave per major exam.
- The cadetship offer will be determined as agreed between the Donor and Recipient, at the time of selection.

3.1 Payment of benefit/s:

- The Recipient will receive two payments per year by electronic funds transfer to their nominated bank account.
- Each payment will be \$5,000 in Autumn and Spring session (or the pro-rata amount if part-time study has been approved by exception as defined in clause 8.2) for the duration of the scholarship
- Payment will be made approximately four weeks after the census dates in Autumn and Spring sessions.

- Payments are subject to the Recipient satisfying eligibility criteria as defined in clause 5 and ongoing eligibility as defined in clause 8 below.

4. DURATION

- The Scholarship duration will be determined at the time of award and will be based on the remaining course duration at the point of award. For single or combined degrees, the maximum duration of the Scholarship is:
 - three (3) years for undergraduate Recipients; and
 - two (2) years for Masters Recipients.
- Subject to meeting the eligibility criteria of the scholarship the duration may be extended for Recipients who transition directly from the Bachelor of Design in Architecture to the Master of Architecture within a maximum of one (1) year or less of completing the undergraduate program.
- The duration of the scholarship may be extended in the following circumstances, specifically:
 - if the Recipient applies for one (1) year of leave between undergraduate and Masters studies (see clause 8.3).
 - the Recipient is approved to study part-time (see clause 8.2).

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for the Scholarship, an applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- be of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent and provide either:
 - a Confirmation of Aboriginality from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation; or
 - a UTS Statutory Declaration form accompanied by two written references from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people from the applicant's community who can confirm their identity and are not an immediate family member; and
- For undergraduate students:
 - be enrolled full-time in the Bachelor of Design in Architecture (single or combined); and
 - achieved a Weighted Average Mark of a Pass (WAM 50 +) or above in any undergraduate subjects undertaken to date; and
 - be under 25 years of age at the commencement of the relevant year.
- For Masters students:
 - commencing the Masters of Architecture with a GPA of 4.25 or above in the undergraduate degree that formed their basis of admission; or
 - continuing enrolment in the Masters of Architecture having:
 - completed no more than 36 credit points, and
 - achieved a Weighted Average Mark of a Pass (WAM 50 +) or above in their Masters subjects undertaken to date; and
 - will need to provide at least one relevant academic reference.
- All applicants must provide a curriculum vitae.
- All applicants must apply using the UTS online Scholarship Application form to be eligible.
- All applicants must be able to attend an interview, if required.

6. RECIPIENT SELECTION CRITERIA

As demonstrated in the Scholarship application and interview:

- Passion for and motivation to succeed in UTS course and pursue a career in Construction;
- Initiative to seek opportunities to continually advance their professional and personal lives;
- Alignment of values, goals and culture with those of Group GSA – including commitment to the cultural identity and heritage of the Indigenous community and drive to make positive change and opportunities for Indigenous Australians nationally;
- Motivation to participate and undertake a placement with Group GSA.

7. SELECTION

Eligible applicants will be presented to the Scholarship Selection Committee, which will undertake the selection of Recipients based on the above selection criteria.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will consist of at least three (3) relevant members of the UTS community, chaired by the Dean (or their nominee). The Committee is to include the Faculty of Design, Architecture and Building, Director of Indigenous Excellence (or their nominee), or an appropriate representative who is experienced in the selection of Indigenous scholarships. The Donor (or their nominee) will be invited to sit on the Committee.

Scholarship offers will be authorised by the Chair of the Scholarship Selection Committee in line with the Scholarships and Prizes Policy.

8. ONGOING RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

8.1 Academic progress:

- The Recipient must maintain a minimum Pass average (WAM 50+) per session.
- Where a minimum Pass average is not achieved, the Recipient will be required to attend and receive appropriate academic counselling by the University to assist the Recipient's return to a satisfactory performance level.
- If the student does not attend academic counselling, and/or a minimum Pass average is not achieved in the following session the Scholarship will be terminated, unless the Recipient can demonstrate exceptional circumstances for the consideration of the Scholarship Selection Committee

8.2 UTS Enrolment:

The Recipient:

- Must continue to be enrolled full-time (equivalent to a minimum of 24 credit points in both Autumn and Spring sessions) in an eligible DAB course.
- In exceptional circumstances¹ may apply to the Scholarships Office for approval of a part-time study load. The Recipient with an approved part-time study load may receive reduced pro-rata payments for the period of part-time study.

8.3 Leave / Course withdrawal:

- If the Recipient withdraws from the UTS course after the start of their first session, the Scholarship will be terminated, and any payment already made for the session in which they withdraw is to be reimbursed to UTS.
- After the first session of study in which the Scholarship is awarded, the Recipient may apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold during an approved leave of absence from studies. If the application is approved, payment of the Scholarship will be suspended for the period of leave. The Scholarship will be terminated if the Recipient does not apply to the Scholarships Office to place the Scholarship on hold.
- Provided the Recipient remains eligible, payments will be resumed to the Recipient after an approved leave of absence until the remaining value of the Scholarship has been paid or another leave of absence is approved.
- Recipients will be eligible on application for a maximum of one (1) year break between the undergraduate and Masters studies.
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8.4 Academic Integrity

- UTS takes Academic Integrity very seriously and breaches (e.g. plagiarism, cheating, etc.) are considered Academic Misconduct. More information on Academic Integrity at UTS can be found on the Current Student pages of the UTS website.
- Any Academic Misconduct allegations proven by the University (and upheld if appealed) will result in the termination of this Scholarship and the University might require the Recipient to repay the total benefit received at time of termination.

¹Exceptional circumstances may include, but are not limited to, severe disruptions, disability, ongoing illness, carer's responsibilities and other education barriers, and are considered by the Selection Committee on a case-by-case basis.

8.5 Other obligations and conditions:

- The offer of the Scholarship is made subject to information provided by the Recipient being true and accurate.
- By accepting the offer of the Scholarship, the Recipient agrees to the Conditions of Award.
- For the duration of the Scholarship the Recipient is not permitted to hold other UTS Scholarships, unless an equity-based scholarship is approved by exception.
- The Recipient is responsible for advising the Scholarships Office of any changes in circumstances that would make them ineligible for continuation of the Scholarship, e.g., reducing study load to part-time, taking leave of absence or deferring study.
- Any change in the Recipient's circumstances not addressed by these Conditions of Scholarship will be considered by the Scholarships Office and/or the Selection Committee case-by-case.
- The Recipient will be invited to consent to allowing their name, photograph and a short article to be used for the promotion of UTS and the Group GSA Indigenous Construction Scholarship.
- The Recipient does not need to re-apply for the Scholarship each year.
- Recipients will be invited to engage in activities such as promoting the scholarship, providing feedback on the scholarship program and assisting in the further development of the scholarship program with UTS as an ambassador of the Group GSA Indigenous Architecture Scholarship Program
- The Recipient will be invited to support the purpose of the Scholarship by being an engaged UTS graduate and this could include promoting the Scholarship and the value of Indigenous educational aspirations to future applicants and mentoring any future Recipient/s in addition to attendance at Prize nights, Alumni and Faculty events where the Donor may be in attendance.
- The Recipient understands that they have a responsibility to facilitate communication with the Donor whose contribution has made this opportunity possible. This communication may be informal or formal in nature, and may include but not limited to: correspondence via email, mail, or phone; and providing updates on course progress

9. TERMINATION OF RECIPIENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship may be terminated:

- If the Recipient ceases to meet the eligibility criteria; or
- If the Recipient breaches any conditions of the Scholarship